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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: W. Lincoln Bouve et al.  
Application No. 08/920,044  
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Title SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR REMOTELY ACCESSING A  
SELECTED GROUP OF ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM A  
DATABASE  
Group./A.U. 2172  
Examiner Hosain T. Alam  
Docket No. 387795

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**RESPONSE and AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 20, 2001, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. A one month extension of time is included herewith, extending the period of response to and including June 20, 2001. For the Examiner's convenience, each of the pending claims is provided herewith.

Amendments to the Claims

B.C. Sub C1 38. A method for locating items of interest relative to a geo-defined location, comprising the steps of:

specifying the geo-defined location at a port; specifying a category associated with the items of interest at the port; communicating the location and the category to a database connected, datawise, to the port; and receiving, at the port, information defining geographic coordinates of the items of interest.